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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST CONTRIBUTION TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE

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- 1. RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY OF IVORY COAST ARRIVED IN LIBREVILLE FOR OAU CONFERENCE WITH SEVERAL CARDBOARD BOXES CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE MILLION CFA IN CASH. FUNDS WERE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, CONVERTED HERE INTO US DOLS ONE MILLION (ALSO IN CASH) WHICH WERE THEN REPORTEDLY SHIPPED TO BANK IN DAR ES SALAAM FOR OAU SPECIAL LIBERATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT.
- 2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT OAU ASSTSECGEN ONU STATED IN COURSE ONE OF HIS PRESS BRIEFINGS DURING OAU SUMMIT THAT HOUPHOUET BOIGNY HAD PLEDGED TO PAY ALL ARREARS TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE ON HIS RETURN TO ABIDJAN (REFTEL). EMBOFF'S CONFERENCE NOTES SHOW NO MENTION OF ANY IVORY COAST PAYMENT TO OAU LIBERATION FUND, HOWEVER, WHICH IS SURPRISING SINCE OAU MADE NOTICEABLE EFFORT TO INFORM OBSERVERS AND PRESS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SEVERAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY SOURCE UNABLE EXPLAIN WHY THIS BIZARRE PROCEDURE WAS USED TO EFFECT IVORY COAST PAYMENT TO LIBERATION COMMITTEE BUT IS FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT FUNDS REACHED THEIR INTENDED DESTINATION. STEIGMAN

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